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GEORGII III. REGIS.

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CAP. I.

An Act to continue and extend the Provisions of an Act of the Forty-ninth Year of His present Majesty, for regulating the Trade and Commerce to and from *The Cape of Good Hope*, until the Fifth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and twenty; and also for regulating the Trade of the Island of *Mauritius*. [24th *February* 1817.]

WHEREAS the Law hereinafter mentioned is near expiring, and fit to be continued for a limited Period; be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That an Act made in the Forty-ninth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to authorise His Majesty, during the present War, to make Regulations respecting the Trade and Commerce to and from* The Cape of Good Hope; which was revived and continued from the Expiration thereof, until the Fifth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and seventeen, by Two Acts of the Fifty-fourth and Fifty-sixth Years of His present Majesty, shall be and the same is hereby further continued for the Term hereinafter mentioned.

49 G. 3. c. 17. further continued.

II. And whereas it is expedient, under the present Circumstances, that the Trade and Commerce to and from all Islands, Colonies, or Places, and the Territories and Dependencies thereof, to His Majesty belonging or in His Possession, in *Africa* or *Asia* to the Eastward of the *Cape of Good Hope*,

Trade to the Eastward of the Cape of Good Hope, to be regulated by

Order in Council.

excepting only the Poſſeſſions of the *Eaſt India* Company, ſhould alſo be regulated for a certain Time in ſuch Manner as ſhall ſeem proper to His Majeſty, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, notwithſtanding the ſpecial Proviſions of any Act or Acts of Parliament that may be conſtrued to affect the ſame; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act it ſhall and may be lawful for His Majeſty, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, by any Order or Orders to be iſſued from Time to Time, to give ſuch Directions and make ſuch Regulations touching the Trade and Commerce to and from the ſaid Iſlands, Colonies, or Places, and the Territories and Dependencies thereof, as to His Majeſty in Council ſhall appear moſt expedient and ſalutary; any Thing contained in an Act paſſed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of His Majeſty King *Charles* the Second, intituled *An Act for the encouraging and increaſing of Shipping and Navigation*, or in an Act paſſed in the Seventh and Eighth Years of the Reign of His Majeſty King *William* the Third, intituled *An Act for preventing Frauds and regulating Abuſes in the Plantation Trade*, or any other Act or Acts of Parliament now in force relating to His Majeſty's Colonies and Plantations, or any other Act or Acts of Parliament, Law, Uſage, or Cuſtom to the contrary in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

12 C. 2. c. 18.

7 & 8 Gul. 3. c. 22.

Goods imported or exported contrary to Order in Council forfeited, as alſo the Veſſels.

III. And be it further enacted, That if any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize whatever ſhall be imported into or exported from any of the ſaid Iſlands, Colonies, or Places, or the Territories and Dependencies thereof, or ſhall be exported from any Part of His Majeſty's Dominions to any of the ſaid Iſlands, Colonies, or Places, or the Territories and Dependencies thereof, or if any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize ſhall be ſo imported or exported in any Manner whatever contrary to any ſuch Order or Orders of His Majeſty in Council, the ſame ſhall be forfeited, together with the Ship or Veſſel in which ſuch Goods, Wares, or Merchandize ſhall reſpectively be imported or exported, with all her Guns, Ammunition, Furniture, Tackle, and Apparel; and every ſuch Forfeiture ſhall and may be ſued for, proſecuted, and recovered by ſuch and the like Way, Means, and Methods as any Forfeiture incurred by any Law reſpecting the Revenue of Cuſtoms may be ſued for, proſecuted, and recovered in Places where reſpectively the Offences ſhall be committed; and the Produce thereof ſhall be diſpoſed of, paid, and applied in like Manner in the ſaid Places reſpectively; any Law, Cuſtom, or Uſage to the contrary in anywiſe notwithſtanding: Provided always, that nothing herein contained ſhall in any Manner be conſtrued to infringe the Rights, Privileges, and Advantages belonging to the United Company of Merchants of *England* trading to the *Eaſt Indies* as now by Law eſtabliſhed.

East India Company's Rights not to be affected.

Continuance of Act.

IV. And be it further enacted, That this Act ſhall continue in force until the Fifth Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and twenty.

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